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MAY 18, 1974

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TALKING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING WITH OHIRA, ON TUESDAY, MAY 21 AT NOON. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR CONCURRENCE OR MODIFICATIONS.

BEGIN TEXT.

I. PURPOSE

TO UNDERLINE YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN U.S. -JAPANESE
AFFAIRS AND YOUR DESIRE FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS
WITH THAT COUNTRY.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN

- A. BACKGROUND: FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA IS COMING TO THE U.S.
TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY AND TO
ADDRESS THE JAPAN SOCIETY IN NEW YORK. HE REQUESTED THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON YOU.

RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U.S. ARE GOOD AND THERE
ARE NO CONTENTIOUS ISSUES TO DISCUSS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER
CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT OF JAPANESE RELATIONS
WITH THE SOVIET UNION, PARTICULARLY THE PROPOSALS FOR
JOINT RUSSIAN-JAPANESE DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES.
(AT TAB A IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. THESE ARE THE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS WHICH TANAKA SAID HE WOULD SEND YOU WHEN YOU MET WITH HIM IN PARIS.) THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ALSO WISH TO REVIEW JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

- B. PARTICIPANTS: FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA; JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA; JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY HEAD OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MR. OKAWARA; SECRETARY KISSINGER.
- C. PRESS PLAN: PRESS PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. MEETING HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I AM PLEASED THAT THE OCCASION OF YOUR BEING HONORED AT YALE UNIVERSITY PRESENTED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MEET.
2. I WAS GLAD TO HAVE A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA IN PARIS LAST MONTH, AND HOPE TO CONTINUE FREQUENT EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN US. PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
3. I APPRECIATE THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST AS WELL AS THE MANY BILATERAL MATTERS WHICH CONCERN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
4. PLEASE THANK PRIME MINISTER TANAKA FOR THE MEMORANDUM HE SENT ME ON YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON PROJECTS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE STUDYING IT CLOSELY AND I WILL SEND A REPLY SHORTLY. WE APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU ARE KEEPING US INFORMED ON THESE PROJECTS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, BUT EXIM BANK FINANCING OF SUCH PROJECTS IN THE SOVIET UNION IS NOW A CONTENTIOUS SUBJECT WITHIN OUR CONGRESS. WE SHALL TRY TO RESOLVE IT. I DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY PROJECT.
5. THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS MURKY. WHAT IS YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE CURRENT INTERNAL POLITICAL SCENE IN THE PRC? HAS IT AFFECTED THEIR RELATIONS WITH YOUR COUNTRY?

(IN RESPONSE) I APPRECIATE THE DESCRIPTION OF YOUR EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I HOPE WE WILL ALSO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS MATTER. THE FUNDAMENTAL COURSE TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC IS CONTINUING.

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6. I AM PLEASED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE EXCELLENT. WE SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP THEM THAT WAY. LIKE ALL AMERICANS, I ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

PROPOSALS FOR JOINT RUSSIAN-JAPANESE
DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES

1. YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION PROJECT, TO WHICH JAPAN HAS AGREED, SUBJECT TO U.S. PARTICIPATION. JAPAN WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER BY OCTOBER (THE DEADLINE IN THEIR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS), BUT IS PREPARED TO WAIT LONGER.
2. A YAKUTSK COKING COAL PROJECT, TO WHICH JAPAN HAS AGREED.
3. A TIMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, TO WHICH JAPAN HAS AGREED.
4. THE TYUMEN PIPELINE PROJECT, WHICH JAPAN IS DISCUSSING WITH THE SOVIETS AND IN WHICH JAPAN WOULD LIKE U.S. PARTICIPATION. THE SOVIETS RECENTLY ASKED JAPAN TO HELP CONSTRUCT A RAILWAY-- RATHER THAN THE PIPELINE--TO CARRY OIL FROM YAKUTSK TO VLADIVOSTOK. JAPAN TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ANY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WILL BE NECESSARY; IN FACT, THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF HELPING THE SOVIETS WITH A RAILWAY BUT WOULD LIKE OUR OPPOSITION AS AN ADDITIONAL EXCUSE.
5. OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION ON THE SAKHALIN CONTINENTAL SHELF, WHICH JAPAN IS DISCUSSING WITH MOSCOW AND IN WHICH JAPAN WOULD ALSO LIKE U.S. PARTICIPATION.

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